

# Chongqing at a Glance



## Background

Lying at the intersection of the Yangtze and Jialing Rivers, Chongqing is one of China's largest cities and one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the world. Formerly known as Chungking, it was the Republic of China's wartime capital from 1937 to 1945. Chongqing is one of China's four special municipalities (the three others being Beijing, Shanghai and Tianjin), and it was created in 1997 after formerly being part of Sichuan Province.

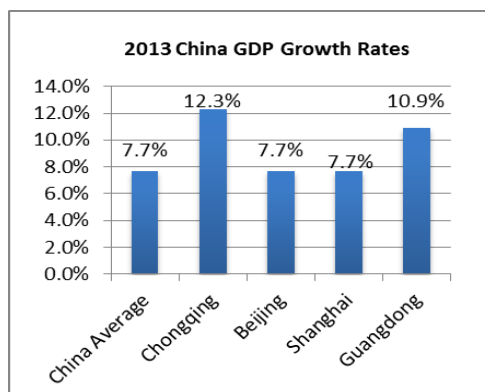


**Area:** 82,400 sq. km (31,814 sq. mi.)

**Population:** 29.7 million

**Climate:** Humid subtropical monsoon climate with exceptionally hot summers averaging 30 degrees Celsius. Winters are mild, but damp and overcast.

## Economy



Chongqing has experienced double-digit growth every year since 1997 due to favorable policies from the central government that provide strong support to China's newest and western-most special municipality under the Western Development Strategy. Chongqing is a major industrial and logistics center for western China. In 2007, Chongqing became China's first inland free-trade port, and with the approval of the Two Rivers New Area Economic Zone in 2010, some say Chongqing is positioned to become western China's Shenzhen or Pudong.

<b>GDP (2013)</b>	US\$ 207 billion
<b>Per Capita GDP (2013)</b>	US\$ 6,995
<b>GDP Growth Rate (2013)</b>	12.3%
<b>U.S.-Invested Companies (2013)</b>	533
<b>Foreign Investment (2013)</b>	US\$ 10.5 billion

## Trade Statistics

	<b>Exports (US\$ billion)</b>	<b>Imports (US\$ billion)</b>
<b>2013</b>	46.7	21.9
<b>2012</b>	38.6	14.6
<b>2011</b>	19.8	9.4

In 2013, Chongqing's total trade volume reached US\$ 68 billion and ranked first in western China and 10th nationwide. In 2013, the total trade between the USA and Chongqing was US\$ 10.6 billion, making the USA Chongqing's largest trading partner, followed by Hong Kong and Germany.

## Key Industries in Chongqing

### **Non-Agricultural**

- Automobile and motorcycle manufacturing
- Mechanical and equipment manufacturing
- Electronics and information technology
- Chemical production
- Aircraft parts manufacturing
- Metallurgy equipment

### **Agricultural**

- Oilseeds, cotton
- Natural rubbers
- Processed foods